

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS PLANNED

For the Coming Fall in Florida—Interdenominational.

Two state Sunday school conventions will be held this year. The first will be in DeFuniak Springs, November 21st to 23rd inclusive, and will be held in the vast western part of the state, drawing perhaps from counties as far east as Leon, Jefferson, and Taylor. The second convention will be held in Lakeland, November 23rd to 26th, inclusive, and will be the official convention where the election of officers and other official business is transacted.

These meetings will be wholly interdenominational in character, and all denominational Sunday schools of the state are entitled to send delegates.

A number of prominent speakers have already been arranged for, and a number will be added. The principal speakers at both gatherings will be Mr. J. L. Alexander of Chicago, who is the International Teen Age secretary. He has had a world wide experience in the handling of young people, and he will place much stress upon the religious education of the young people of our state. Another prominent speaker and worker will be Mr. D. W. Sims of Atlanta, who is the General Secretary of the Georgia Sunday School Association, and who is doing a vast work in our neighborhood. The third prominent speaker will be Mr. P. E. Green of Birmingham, Alabama, who is the secretary in the southeastern states of the Presbyterian church. In addition to these men, practically all of the denominational secretaries in Florida, together with many of the prominent ministers, educators and workers will take part. Gov. Park

authorities goes, there is not a case within the State, and yet rumor—gossip—has brought reports of several such cases, which when run to earth have been traced to an overworked imagination, fired by an overheard conversation or a misunderstood telephone message.

The health authorities of Florida, state and municipal, are working in closest harmony to prevent the coming of the disease, which once having gained a foothold here, might bring results too serious to contemplate, results with larger percentage of fatality than the visitations of yellow fever in the years that are far in the past. No possible avenue of progress is overlooked, and if the season shall pass without the coming of this affliction, the people of Florida will have one more occasion for rendering profound thanks to the health officers at the gateway of the State.

This work of safeguarding the public health is, and must be, vigilant and unceasing. Railroad and steamship companies and their employees, the mayors and health boards of the various cities, the physicians of the State are cooperating actively with the State Board of Health, and when the importance of the work and the watchfulness that is required, are considered, it isn't fair to increase the amount of this work by circulating reports of the existence of the disease when and where it doesn't exist.

Infantile paralysis is not easily diagnosable, even by the medical profession, in its early stages, and the average layman wouldn't know it until it had reached a possibly incurable stage and probably not even then. The circulation of rumors naturally alarms the public, for the public doesn't stop to ask where the rumor started nor who started it. In its love for the sensational, with its fondness for being the first to tell "the news," good or bad, the public passes it along and it grows like the traditional snowball, quickly overshadowing all chances of recognition.

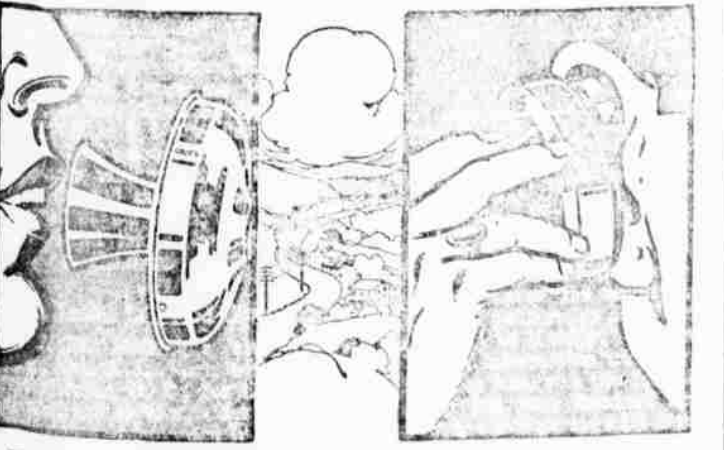
Now, Stop—Look—Listen! If some one tells you confidentially, or otherwise, that a case of the disease has overtaken one of Mrs. Bill Smith's children, ask your informant who told her (or him) and who told that one, and so on as far back as you can trace the story. Then stop the rumor as far as you are concerned. Don't tell any one, excepting the nearest health officer. Tell him as soon as you can reach the nearest telephone; tell him all you have found out and the entire genealogy of the rumor, and then, imitate the clam—don't talk. It's the quickest way to stop gossip and to aid the health authorities.

Away back in 1889, an unusually wise legislature was convinced of the unwisdom of gossip, especially about diseases, and it put into law books of Florida, Section 3021, which reads this way: "Whoever falsely or maliciously disseminates or spreads rumors or reports concerning the existence of any infectious or contagious disease, shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars." This law wasn't intended as a joke and it isn't one, for there have been convictions and stiff penalties imposed under it.

The preservation of the good name of Florida demands the support of all loyal citizens. No one who goes, however self-conscious of his own innocence, to the detriment of that name, is a loyal citizen. Let the doctors tell it, should such a disaster visit us. They will know and you won't until they tell you.—Press Service State Board of Health.

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A beautiful woman always has good digestion. If your digestion is faulty, Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. Obtainable everywhere.

Fine Fishin'.
Small Day—A Fishin' Yessir; ye go down that private road till ye come to th' sign "Trespassers will be prosecuted." crows th' field with th' ball in it an' you'll see a sign "No fishin' allowed."—that's it.—Life.



Bridging the distance 'twixt you and "anywhere."

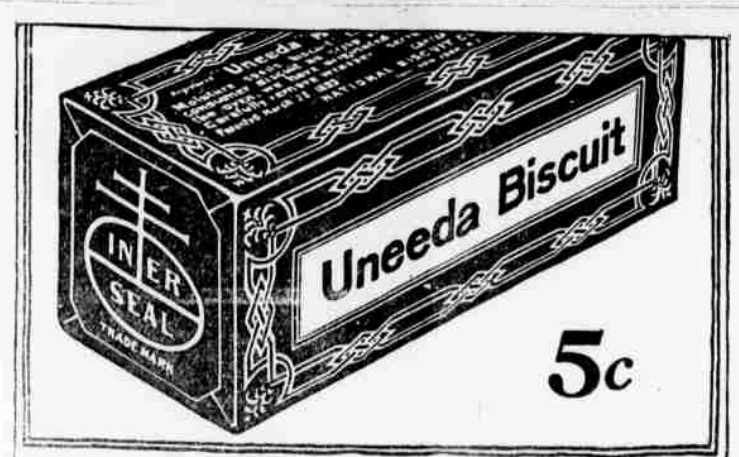
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Moonlight vs. Illiteracy

From THE SOUTHERN WOMAN'S MAGAZINE

Rowan County, Kentucky, claims to be the only section in the United States in which there is not a person of school age who cannot read or write. And it all came about through the efforts of one woman, Mrs. Corn Wilson Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart, the daughter of a country physician, and a former rural school teacher, was in a position to realize the needs of this section—the mountains of Eastern Kentucky. Here inherited ignorance went hand in hand with inherited feuds; bloodshed, crime and immorality were the by-products of illiteracy. Because strains of some of the bluest blood in America is to be found in the Kentucky mountains, in the degenerated descendants of the early settlers who, through circumstances, have with each generation sunk a bit lower, Mrs. Stewart had faith in the educational experiments she was eager to put to the test.

As superintendent of rural schools for Rowan County, Mrs. Stewart decided to open the schoolhouses on moonlight nights during the fall weeks, holding a night session for adults and those children who were unable to attend the regular school. She outlined her plan to her teachers and asked for volunteers. Every teacher in the county responded. House-to-house visits were made and the plan explained to every person not already enrolled that the plan would be met with diffidence; a latent pride made some of these people shy of admitting their ignorance; in others an indifference, bred of generations of ignorance, would have meant empty benches for the night schools. But none of these things happened. With the opening of the first session of the moonlight schools there were 1,200 pupils enrolled in Rowan County.

Men and women from eighteen to eighty years old set themselves to the task of learning. Some were receiving their first lesson in reading and writing; others were reviving the meager education received in their youth; a few came to encourage others. With shamed faces and eager eyes young girls past school age were learning to put together their first written words.

The studies pursued in Mrs. Stewart's schools were the essentials—reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic—but questions dealing with their every-day activities were also taken up. Civics, sanitation, United States history, agriculture, were given their share of attention. A little newspaper dealing with the interests of the county, and of the development of the rural schools, was edited weekly by Mrs. Stewart and distributed among the schools. This paper, known as the Rowan County School Messenger, served as the reading text for the schools. A great grown-up man learned to read a newspaper.

Mothers came to learn how to read the letters from absent children; old women came to receive their first intelligent glimpse into the Bible that would otherwise have to wait for the next visit of the itinerant preacher; old men and their wives and grown sons and daughters—all learning the mystery of words on paper.

"They had all the excuses," Mrs. Stewart said, "and all the barriers that any people might offer—high hills, bridgeless streams, rugged roads, weariness from the day's hard toil, the shame of beginning study late in life and all the others; but they were not seeking excuses—they were sincerely and earnestly seeking knowledge. Their interest, their zeal and their enthusiasm were wonderful to witness. It was truly an inspiring sight to see these aged pupils bending over the desks that their children and grandchildren occupied during the day. Their delight in learning and their pride in their achievements exceeded any joy that I ever witnessed."

In some districts the enrollment in the night schools exceeded that of the day schools. Several schools enrolled as many as seventy pupils, others

MINISTER INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY

Rev. J. E. Wray, Prominent Methodist Pastor at Live Oak.

Orlando, Lakeland, and Other Cities Charged With Sending Obscene Matter Through the Mails.

Rev. J. E. Wray, formerly pastor of the Methodist church at Orlando, has been indicted by the Federal grand jury, sitting at Jacksonville, for sending obscene matter through the mails. It is stated in behalf of Mr. Wray that he has been suffering from a nervous trouble for several months and is now at the State Hospital for the Insane at Chattahoochee. A special dispatch from Jacksonville in the Tampa Tribune says:

It is charged that Rev. Wray operated as the Star Book company at Lakeland and Live Oak, and that he peddled through the mails a booklet of the most obscene type and photographs of women in nude poses of a lascivious character. The booklet, consisting of 40 pages, was sold for \$5 a copy. The photographs cost \$10 for a set of seven.

Rev. Wray, according to a story from Live Oak, has been suffering for several months with a nervous trouble, and in the last few weeks his condition has been such that his physicians have recommended that he be placed under the care of a specialist. With that in view and upon his own volition, he will leave tomorrow for Chattahoochee, where he will remain some time for treatment.

The indictment was returned by the Federal grand jury, which yesterday completed its work. According to information upon which the indictments were brought, the Star Book company, of which the minister was the alleged head, had been operating for some time. The indictment charges that obscene matter was mailed from Lakeland, Live Oak and in a railway post-office, on the train between Jacksonville and Pensacola, here. The latter offense is alleged to have been committed on June 21, this year.

Rev. Wray is said to have held important pastorates in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia as well as Florida. He was some time ago relieved of his charge at Live Oak, according to the information in the hands of officers, following an alleged attempt on his part to have his wife and daughter adjudged insane. It is alleged that he requested the appointment of a lunacy commission to examine into the sanity of these members of his family, the commission declaring them both sane.

The pamphlet which it is alleged he mailed in violation of the law consists of a number of stories couched in language so obscene as to be "unfit to be set forth in this indictment and to be spread upon the records of this honorable court," according to the language of the indictment.

Formerly Pastor at Lakeland.

Rev. Wray formerly was pastor of the First Methodist church at Lakeland, serving there from January, 1915, to January 1, 1916, at which time he was transferred in the usual way to his subsequent charge at Live Oak. During his pastorate at Lakeland Rev. Wray became widely known as a preacher of considerable power, and attracted much attention by his sermons. He is said to be widely known throughout Florida and other southern states.

After moving to Live Oak, it is alleged, Rev. Wray's wife learned of his alleged questionable practices and she made complaint to the church trustees against him, as a result of which, it is alleged, the trustees demanded that he resign his position. Mrs. Wray, it is said, under pressure from her husband, subsequently made a retraction of her testimony, but the trustees continued to demand his resignation, although, it is said, they endeavored to keep the matter quiet in order to avoid a church scandal.

It is thought to have been in connection with his wife's testimony against him that Rev. Wray, as stated in the above Jacksonville dispatch, sought to have her and their daughter declared insane, which proceedings failed, it being ascertained officially that both were in possession of their faculties. The latest step has been the appointment of a commission to test Rev. Wray's sanity. Just what effect this will have on the Federal proceedings is not known, but it is assumed that the Federal action will take precedence. It is said that it was not until very recently—after the authorities had begun to work up a case against him—that the insanity proceedings were begun.

Systematic Trend of Thought.

According to a statement given out yesterday at Live Oak, "There is nothing sensational regarding the insanity proceedings against Rev. Wray, but he has suffered a nervous breakdown and will go to Chattahoochee of his own volition for treatment."

Rev. Wray's prosecution of his book business is said to have been conducted in a very systematic and careful manner, unusual and unexpected in a man whose mental condition is said to be unbalanced. His offense against the postal laws is said to have been sending through the mails of sample pages from his book, which sample pages he always asked to be returned, cautioning his correspondents to "wrap the letters in newspapers so that no one can see through the envelopes." The books themselves were shipped only by express.

Another evidence of the care said to have been exercised by Rev. Wray in avoiding the notice of the authorities in his operations was his habit of mailing letters on trains.

Some of his mail, it is said, was mailed in this way.

Sends "Sample Pages."

Unfortunately for Rev. Wray, he chanced to get into correspondence with an official in Chicago, who wrote him several letters under an assumed name. Not knowing of the trick, Rev. Wray is said to have written this official, offering him some "great stories," which were of such a nature that they were "sold typed" and "could not be printed." He also offered to send a "descriptive circular" with "sample pages."

The official was a good "sucker." He ordered the "sample pages." As a result, it is said, officials have quite an interesting exhibit. The books sold by the reverend gentleman are declared to be of a very obscene and objectionable nature and of the "rich, rare and racy" type. Under the postal regulations, it is unlawful to give the names of these books, but it is said there were three different ones. It is said that in some of his letters Rev. Wray asked for the names of "safe men," who would be willing to handle the books.

Offered Books for Rent.

In addition to making sales of this literature at from \$5 to \$10 per book, it is said Rev. Wray offered to rent the books at \$1 per day. His pictures, which sold at high prices, were offered for rent at 50c per day, with the added information that "any red-blooded man would find them worth twice the money." He counseled his correspondents to carefully preserve his business address, as it would not be repeated in future letters.

After the charges had been made to the trustees in Live Oak by Rev. Wray's wife, it is said he admitted that he had been conducting the book business attributed to him, but explained that his motive for so doing was to secure the names and addresses of men to whom such literature appealed in order that he might reach them for uplift work. There is no record, however, of what steps Rev. Wray took in carrying out his purpose.

Signature Is Identified.

In conducting his book business in Live Oak, Rev. Wray is alleged to have signed letters as "Dr." Wray. His indictment is alleged to have followed the identification of this signature to the letters mentioned as being the same handwriting as that of letters known to have been signed by Rev. Wray in his capacity as pastor.

The case is one of considerable interest in Tampa, where Rev. Wray was widely known not only in religious circles, but to many citizens. The charges brought against the pastor will occasion much surprise in many quarters, Rev. Wray having always appeared to outsiders as being devoted to his work and highly interested in his calling.

Diarrhoea Quickly Cured.

"About two years ago I had a severe attack of diarrhoea which lasted for over a week," writes W. C. Jones, Buford, N. D. "I became so weak that I could not stand upright. A druggist recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The first dose relieved me and within two days I was well as ever." Obtainable everywhere.

Interested at Once.

"My dear, you ought to pass up frivolous things and take an interest in deep subjects. Take history, for instance. Gessler, the tyrant, put up a hat for the Swiss to salute." The lady was a trifle interested. "How was it trimmed?" she inquired.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Teach Children Good Workman.

Between a brick and Scotland found the side of the old Roman wall, known as the Devil's Wall, owing to the belief of the peasantry that, on account of the firmness of the mortar and the impenetrability of the stones, Satan had a hand in its construction.

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